

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

Yes, legitimate copying for personal use would be drastically impaired and consumers would lose their basic right to maintain records for personal purposes.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

Yes

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Yes, consumers would be forced to constantly upgrade and/or purchase new systems at great financial hardship. New standards would not be compatible with many current systems. Elderly and low-income consumers would be hit hardest by this.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Yes, although this is not the intent of those recommending such a requirement, it would surely be the case.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

Consumers would face undue hardship when purchasing equipment.

Other Comments:

It is very important to me and all Americans to be able to view content across a number of technologies in a variety of locations, whether my home, office, or a friend's apartment.